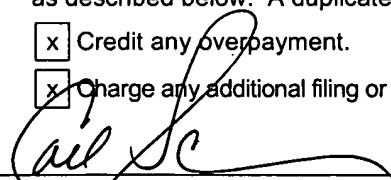


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| Application No.<br>10/507,326-Conf. #4008   |   | Filing Date<br>September 10, 2004       |                                   | Examiner<br>S. M. Heinrich |             |
|   |   |   |                                   | Art Unit<br>1725           |             |
| Applicant(s): Yasuhide Otsu et al.  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING BRITTLE MATERIAL   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.<br>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Number<br>Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate                       |             |
| Total Claims  | 18  | - 20 =                                  |                                   | x                          | 0.00        |
| Independent<br>Claims   | 4   | - 4 =                                   |                                   | x                          | 0.00        |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| Other fee (please specify):   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>   |   |   |                                   |                            | <b>0.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity  |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ 0.00.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.   |   |   |                                   |                            |             |
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 16 are amended and claims 17-20 are added.